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Joint Powers Authority  
4700 Ramona Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Monterey Park, CA 91754-2169

Dear Joint Powers Authority,

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION  
OF NEW REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT IN ROOMS THAT STORE  
REAGENTS AND DNA EVIDENCE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE LOS ANGELES  
REGIONAL CRIME LABORATORY FACILITY**

**THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Approve and authorize the purchase and installation of refrigeration equipment to control temperature in the rooms that house Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) freezers and refrigerators. The equipment is to be installed in laboratory rooms #428A and #428F at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center (Crime Lab) at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.

**PURPOSE OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority (Authority) to acquire and own new refrigeration equipment in the laboratories at the Crime Lab occupied by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The air conditioning and related mechanical systems installed within the Hertzberg – Davis Forensic Science Center are extremely complex. Because of this complexity and the sensitive nature of many items of evidentiary value, purchase and installation of refrigeration equipment is necessary. The new refrigeration equipment to be installed in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department laboratory rooms at the Crime Lab would be a great benefit to the facility and ensure that the storage of reagents and DNA evidence will be properly stored during emergencies. Secondly, the installation of new

refrigeration equipment will meet laboratory state and federal accreditation standard requirements for storage of evidence.

### **FINANCING**

The installation and purchase of the refrigeration system would be funded by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department with funds deposited into 2015-2016 operating budget of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility. This purchase and installation is a one-time expense to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department not to exceed \$90,000.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The refrigeration system would be procured pursuant to existing purchasing contracts established with the County of Los Angeles and approved purchasing procedures for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

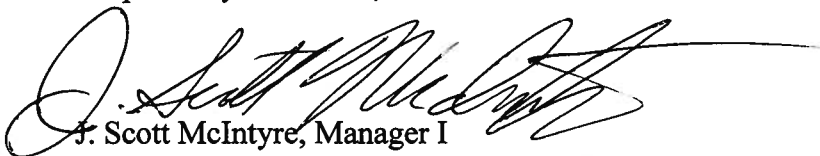
### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Approval of the recommended action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 in that such approval does not meet the definition of a Project.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return all approved copies of this letter to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
J. Scott McIntyre, Manager I  
Crime Lab Facility Manager

Adopted and Approved

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Miguel A. Santana  
City of Los Angeles  
City Administrative Officer  
Chairperson of the Joint Powers Authority  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_